



10 December 2012

Ms. Kelly Manheimer  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

**Re: November 2012 Monthly Progress Report (electronic submittal)  
North Hollywood Operable Unit, Second Interim Remedy, Groundwater Remediation Design**

Dear Ms. Manheimer:

Attached is the November 2012 monthly progress report for the North Hollywood Operable Unit (NHOU), pursuant to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Design (RD-AOC) for the North Hollywood Operable Unit (NHOU).

Please contact me at (510) 663-3996 if you have questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.

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Michael Taraszki, PG, CHG, PMP  
Project Manager

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Robert Hartwell, PE  
Engineering Manager

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## **NOVEMBER 2012 NHO PROGRESS REPORT**

### **Activities Completed for the Report Period**

- Submitted responses to EPA comments on the Building Conditions Assessment report on November 30 in compliance with EPA requirements dated November 1.
- Continued to develop access agreements to sample and perform testing at privately owned monitoring wells:
  - Vulcan Materials (well 4909F or its replacement); no access agreement needed for well 4909C (owned by LADWP)
  - Los Angeles County (well 4928A); response to request to collect split sample pending discussions between LA County and EPA
- Removed submersible pumps from EPA-owned monitoring wells (NH-C01-450, NH-C02-325, NH-C03-380, and NH-C05-460) in preparation for Phase 1 Pre-Design Investigation activities; attempts to remove pump from NH-C05-320 will resume week of December 10.
- Hosted a communication planning webinar with client and EPA communication teams on November 26; finalized communication plan materials in preparation for Phase 1 Pre-Design Investigation activities.
- Initiated Phase 1 Pre-Design Investigation sampling/testing activities (where neighbor notifications were deemed by client/EPA communication team as unnecessary) on December 3.

### **Issues and Corrective Actions**

- Submersible pump removal plan submitted by AMEC to EPA was approved by EPA on November 30.

### **Anticipated Activities for the Next Six Weeks**

- Receive Final EPA comments on the Phase 1 Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan (conditionally approved by EPA on September 19).
- Remove submersible pump from EPA-owned monitoring well NH-C05-320.
- Proceed with Phase 1 Pre-Design Investigation groundwater sampling and testing, pending completion of access agreements.
- Attend a meeting with EPA and LADWP to be scheduled by EPA to discuss the Groundwater Management Plan.

### **Unresolved Issues/Potential Impacts to Schedule/Work Plan**

- Access agreements to private well owners' properties may require EPA assistance to ensure groundwater monitoring data are obtained from monitoring wells included in the Phase 1 Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan. Delays in establishing access agreements may result in revision of the schedule for groundwater monitoring and/or drilling. EPA support will be requested if required.
- Removal of submersible pumps from EPA-owned monitoring wells and development of communication plan has taken longer than expected; Phase 1 Pre-Design Investigation field schedule has been revised accordingly.